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**From:** Jim Liberatore  
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Pete-

As I mentioned in Russia, this is very embarrassing but I had thought aside from the flight my expenses were paid for. As you can see from this email, I think that was the same understanding from the Russians as well as Maria seems excited that we "generously offered" to pay our portion which we never did and in fact no one ever discussed us paying or what the costs may be, for example for the hotel. I Have an idea where that "offer" came from, but it was not us.

Also, I told my guys here the only expense was my flight, (we paid for Kim's), but even if now I were to try and get the company to cover costs, I would need receipts and documentation of the expenses. Finally, if the hotel was 300/night or about \$1500, how would our tab be \$6,000? Several of our meals, 3 dinners and 2 lunches, we were guests so I have no idea how we would have incurred \$4500 total for 2 dinners and 2 lunches, transportation and the ballet?

I appreciate your helping me with this and I do not want to cause an international incident, but this is all a surprise to me especially that it was represented we offered to cover our costs!

Please let me know what you need me to do and I am sorry to be getting you involved in this given your schedule....

Thank you

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**From:** Donna Wiesner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 28, 2015 10:19 AM  
**To:** Jim Liberatore <[jliberator@outdoorchannel.com](mailto:jliberator@outdoorchannel.com)>  
**Cc:** 'David A. Keene' <[dkeene@nrahq.org](mailto:dkeene@nrahq.org)>  
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How about if I step back from this one and let you work with Maria directly? Keeping up with her will help you for connections down the road anyway. Unless you need my assistance of course!

I don't watch much tv but promise to be glued to the set when your shows air! ☺

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**From:** Maria Butina [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@gmail.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 28, 2015 12:06 PM  
**To:** Keene Donna Wiesner  
**Subject:** Re: The NRA BrD Meeting in January

Dear Donna,

Thank you for your wise note. I appreciate that.

One last part of housekeeping from the NRA visit to Moscow. The Liberators generously offered to pay their portion of expenses for their time with your delegation. This is a HUGE help to me since my organization covered all expenses for everyone for the week. If the Liberators would like to reimburse me for these expenses, I can send you the bank wire transfer information needed for the approximately \$6,000 in costs. (I would recommend using my American bank account for this transfer to avoid international economic sanction problems.) Let me know if and when the Liberators would like to proceed — you are my NRA planner!

Have a happy New Year celebration!

Sincerely,

Maria Butina